

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A cutting member comprising:

WC having precipitated therein two or more solid solutions of WC and compounds selected from the group consisting of carbides, nitrides and carbonitrides of metals of the groups 4a, 5a and 6a in the Periodic Table;

and at least one metal of the iron group,

wherein at least one of the two or more solid solutions is a solid solution having a high Nb or Zr content.

2. (Currently amended) The cutting member according to claim 1, wherein the solid solution having a high Nb or Zr content is a solid solution having a peak intensity of Nb or Zr, which is more than 50% of a peak intensity of W, in energy-dispersive X-ray ~~diffraction~~ spectroscopy.

3. (Original) The cutting member according to claim 1, wherein an area ratio of the solid solution having a high Nb or Zr content to the whole solid solution structure is 50% or less.

4. (Original) The cutting member according to claim 1, wherein the two or more solid solutions have an average grain size of 5 .mu.m or less.

5-10. (Canceled)